

Nurse and Midwife Data: March 2012

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Introduction

This report contains registration information about persons who are registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia as both a nurse and a midwife. The nurse may be either a registered nurse or an enrolled nurse. For information about persons who are registered only as a nurse, please refer to the *Registered Nurse and Enrolled Nurse Data report* at

<http://www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/about/statistics.aspx> For information about persons who are registered only as a midwife, please refer to the *Midwife Data report* at <http://www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/about/statistics.aspx>

The functions of the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia are:

- Registers nurses, midwives and students of nursing and midwifery
- Determines the national registration requirements
- Develops professional standards, codes, guidelines and position statements to guide nursing and midwifery practice
- Manages notifications, investigations and panel hearings
- Assesses internationally qualified nurses and midwives who wish to practise in Australia
- Approves national accreditation standards and accredited programs of study leading to registration and endorsement
- Delegates to state and territory Boards and Committees*, and AHPRA staff, the power to determine individual applications for registration and notifications of a nurse's or midwife's health, performance and/or conduct and a student's health or criminal history

*In NSW, where a co-regulatory model applies and notifications are managed separately, the NSW Board of the NMBA is responsible for the registration of nurses, midwives and students.

The National Board's functions are supported by the [Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency](#) (AHPRA). For information about legislation governing the National Board and AHPRA see [AHPRA's Legislation & Publications](#) at www.ahpra.gov.au/Legislation-and-Publications.aspx

AHPRA has analysed the National Board's registration data and produced a number of statistical tables about registrants to share with the professions and community. The National Board will update and improve this statistical report regularly.

For more information on nursing and midwifery registration, please see the National Board's website: www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/Registration-and-Endorsement.aspx

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Nurse and Midwife: State and Territory by Registration Type

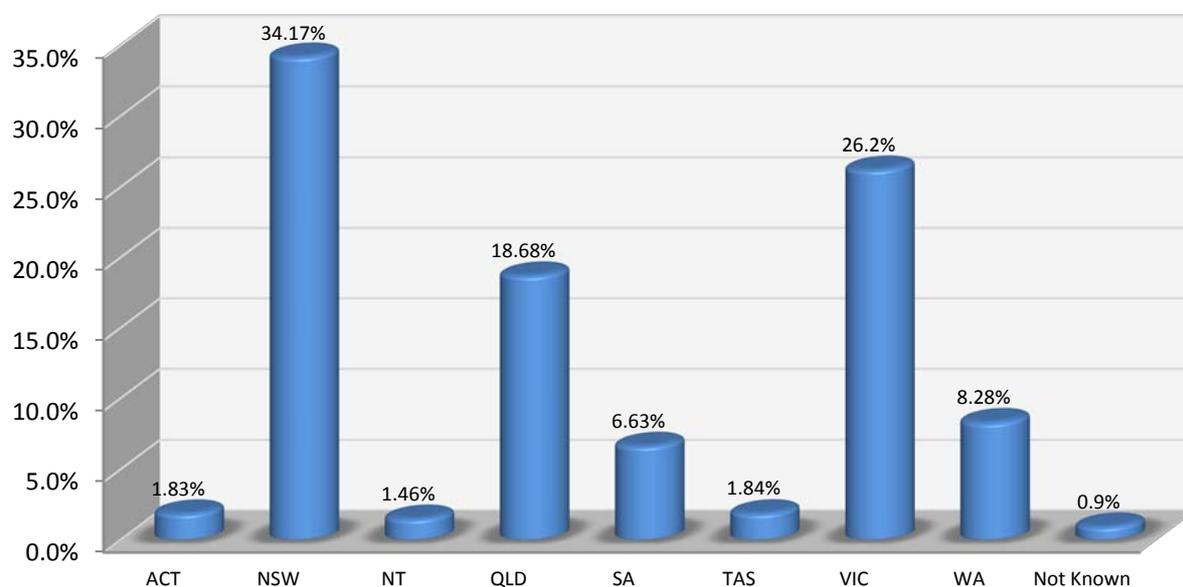
The National Board recognises four nursing and midwifery registration types which are general registration, limited registration, non-practising registration and student registration.

The nurse may be either a registered nurse or an enrolled nurse.

State & Territory	General	Non-practising	Grand Total	% by State & Territory
ACT	714	4	718	1.83%
NSW	13,203	227	13,430	34.18%
NT	574	1	575	1.46%
QLD	7,323	19	7,342	18.68%
SA	2,598	8	2,606	6.63%
TAS	719	4	723	1.84%
VIC	10,282	15	10,297	26.2%
WA	3,247	6	3,253	8.28%
Not Known	347	8	355	0.9%
Total	39,007	292	39,299	100.00%

***There are currently no persons that hold registration as a nurse and a midwife in the Limited Registration type.*

% by State and Territory



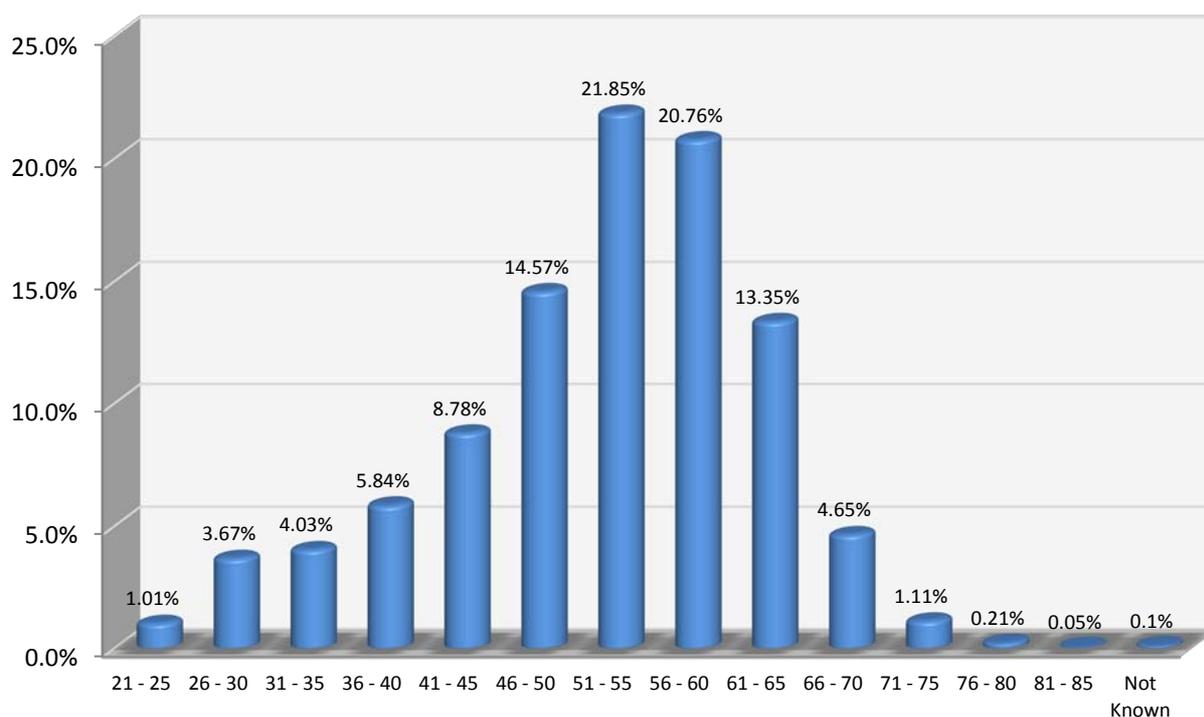
Nurse and Midwife: Age by Registration Type

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Age Group	General	Non-practising	Total	% by Age Group
21 - 25	398		398	1.01%
26 - 30	1,439	5	1,444	3.67%
31 - 35	1,580	5	1,585	4.03%
36 - 40	2,277	17	2,294	5.84%
41 - 45	3,429	23	3,452	8.80%
46 - 50	5,703	24	5,727	14.57%
51 - 55	8,533	54	8,587	21.85%
56 - 60	8,093	67	8,160	20.76%
61 - 65	5,194	51	5,245	13.35%
66 - 70	1,802	25	1,827	4.65%
71 - 75	422	16	438	1.11%
76 - 80	84		84	0.21%
81 - 85	14	5	19	0.05%
Not Known	39		39	0.1%
Total	39,007	292	39,299	100.00%

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% by Age Group



Nurse and Midwife: Gender by State and Territory by Registration Type

The nurse may be either a registered nurse or an enrolled nurse.

Gender	State & Territory	General	Non-practising	Total Count	% by Gender by State & Territory
Female	ACT	697	4	701	1.78%
	NSW	12,927	223	13,150	33.46%
	NT	544	1	545	1.39%
	QLD	7,174	19	7,193	18.3%
	SA	2,517	8	2,525	6.43%
	TAS	698	3	701	1.78%
	VIC	10,155	15	10,170	25.88%
	WA	3,193	6	3,199	8.14%
	Not Known	334	7	341	0.87%
	Sub total	38,239	286	38,525	98.03%
Male	ACT	17	0	17	0.04%
	NSW	276	4	280	0.71%
	NT	30	0	30	0.08%
	QLD	149	0	149	0.38%
	SA	61	0	61	0.16%
	TAS	21	1	22	0.06%
	VIC	127	0	127	0.32%
	WA	53	0	53	0.13%
	Not Known	13	1	14	0.04%
	Sub total	747	6	753	1.92%
Not Known	ACT	0	0	0	0.00%
	NSW	0	0	0	0.00%
	NT	0	0	0	0.00%
	QLD	0	0	0	0.00%
	SA	20	0	20	0.05%
Not Known	TAS	0	0	0	0.00%
	VIC	0	0	0	0.00%
	WA	1	0	1	0.00%
	Sub total	21	0	21	0.05%
Total		39,007	292	39,299	100.00%

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Nurse and Midwife: Endorsement by State and Territory

The endorsement of registration identifies registered nurses and midwives with additional qualifications and specific expertise. The National Board endorsements for nursing and midwifery are:

- midwife practitioner – refer [Position statement on midwife practitioners \(7 April 2011\)](#)
- nurse practitioner - includes prescribing scheduled medicines
- registered nurse - supply scheduled medicines (rural and isolated practice)
- eligible midwife - prescribe scheduled medicines

Endorsement	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Not Stated	Total
Midwife practitioner	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Nurse Practitioner	3	31	3	40	10	0	15	20	1	123
Registered Nurse - supply scheduled medicines (rural and isolated practice)	1	17	4	323	7	0	17	2	4	375
Total	4	49	7	363	17	0	32	22	5	499

***To obtain the total number of Nurse Practitioners or Registered Nurses endorsed to supply scheduled medicines (rural and isolated practice) in Australia please refer to the Registered Nurse and Enrolled Nurse Data report and add data from each table together to obtain the total number by state, territory or nationally.*